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"EZh", ARTUR, [D% GON...], A NATURALISED FRENCH CITIZEN, KNYAZEVSKIJ, "SONYA", JACOB MUCHNIK ("FINANSIST"), "KALISTRAT" (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 764, 765

24th May 1943

[2-part message complete]

[Part I] To VIKTOR[i].

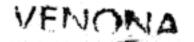
[11 groups unrecovered]

reports:

1. The report on the work [3 groups unrecovered] "[1 group unrecovered]"; our courier ("EZh"[ii]) does[a] not [7 groups unrecovered] [B% ARTUR][iii] with [1 group unrecovered] "[D% GON...] [1 group unrecovered]"[iv] but [B% through]

[17 groups unrecovered]

[Continued overleaf]





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native of BESSARABIA, a naturalised French citizen, [2 radio specialist in PARIS: worked with KNYaZEVSKIJ[v] radio specialist in PARIS: groups unrecoverable;

[43 groups unrecovered]

gives the impression of being a [B% friendly] person. [56 groups unrecovered] Information

100-watt, crystal[b]

[24 groups unrecoverable]

watt, crystal[b],

[21 groups unrecovered]

in TYRE[TIR][vi] in April.

5. [B% ARTUR]

[17 groups unrecovered]

money, crystals

[20 groups unrecovered]

having extensive information and connections in SPAIN.

g He is awaiting [D% your instructions][c] on the use of the other candidates mentioned] in the report.

[31 groups unrecovered]

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communications with NORTH AFRICA complained

[41 groups unrecoverable]

[22 groups unrecovered]

[1 group unrecovered] ARTUR's letter [B% I report]:

Information

[Part

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[20 groups unrecovered]

"SONYa"[vii]) entry

ę,

[46 groups unrecovered]

in HAVANA, CUBA,

[59 groups unrecoverable]

4. Paragraph 3 of the letter is clearly talking about Jacob MUCHNIK (henceforth "FINANSIST"[viii]), who [C% was in RIO[ix]] [3 groups unrecovered] and is now here. He is about 40 years old, is the managraph conversed. the publicity and advertising department is the manager

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[1 group unrecovered]. Here

[44 groups unrecovered]

permitted. On the return journey FINANSIST

[31 groups unrecowered]

"KALISTRAT" [x]

[11 groups unrecovered].

3 groups unrecovered] CHILE

[23 groups unrecoverable]

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LUKA[xi]

Notes: [a] Or "did".

[b] Presumably particulars of a radio set.

[c],Or "[D% Your instructions] are awaited".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] EZh:

i.e. "HELGEHOG"; unidentified covername. in NEW YORK's No. 592 of 3rd July 1943 Also occurs

[iii] ARTUR:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in messages between 15th May 1942 and 26th December 1944 on the NEW YORK-MOSCOW link and between 23rd June 1944 and 10th July 1945 on the MONTEVIDEO-MOSCOW link.

[iv] GON..:

Possibly GONETs i.e. "EXPRESS MESSENGER", covername for

[v] KNYaZEVSKIJ: Possibly Boris KNYaZEVSKIJ, who in 1938 was sent as a member of the Soviet Delegation to the Paris Fair.

[vi] TYRE:

NEW YORK CITY.

[vii] SONYa:

This covername is not known elsewhere in MGB traffic, (cf. NEW YORK-BUENOS AIRES it represented

but in secret writing messages letter of 17th November 1941 -

Jose David ALFARO SIQUEIROS.

[viii] FINANSIST:

i.e. "FINANCIER".

[ix] RIO:

BUENOS AIRES.

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Comments

[Cont'd]: [x] KALISTRAT:

Aleksandr Semenovich FOMIN, clerk at the Soviet Consulate in NEW YORK.

[xi] LUKA:

Pavel P. KLARIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.